

HONORING SONITROL SECURITY SYSTEMS ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sonitrol, an electronic security company located in Buffalo, NY, that marked its 30th anniversary on August 1, 2006. I am pleased to be able to join with President David P. Jones and Vice President Paul A. Nickel to celebrate their success and commitment to providing comprehensive security solutions to businesses in Western New York.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Nickel brought Sonitrol Security Systems to life in 1976 when they relocated to Buffalo, NY, from Connecticut. They began their business in the basement of what is now known as the HSBC building in downtown Buffalo. Working day and night handling both the sales and the installation of their security systems, Mr. Jones and Mr. Nickel grew the company and began to acquire other alarm companies in the process.

Sonitrol Security Systems uses unique "Verified Alarm Technology" that results in high apprehension rates and low false alarm rates in the security alarm industry. Sonitrol has used "Verified Audio Intrusion Detection" for several years and will soon introduce "Verified Video Intrusion Detection" to further enhance the quality of service that they provide their business customers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in Congress to please join me in wishing David P. Jones, Paul A. Nickel and the employees of Sonitrol Security Systems continued success in the security business. I am confident that they will remain an invaluable security company, employer and partner in Western New York for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE END-OF-ACTIVE SERVICE OF STAFF SERGEANT CLAIRE J. BUFFINGTON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 7 years that SSG Claire Buffington has served in the United States Marine Corps.

Coming to the United States from Scotland, Great Britain, Staff Sergeant Buffington is a true patriot who has significantly contributed to the defense of our Nation. Staff Sergeant Buffington enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June 1999, and was assigned to the Fourth Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Center, Parris Island, SC. She graduated as company honor graduate and received a meritorious promotion to the rank of private first class. She subsequently attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, NC, and Supply School at Camp Johnson, NC.

Private First Class Buffington's first assignment was to the Second Marine Division's Supply section at Camp Lejeune, where she served as a supply clerk. She was promoted

to the rank of lance corporal and then transferred to the Second Marine Division Headquarters Battalion supply section where she served as a supply clerk and platoon sergeant. During this assignment, she earned meritorious promotion to the rank of corporal in July 2001, completed Corporal's Leadership Course, and then earned meritorious promotion to sergeant in November 2001. Sergeant Buffington also graduated from the Marine Corps Marksmanship Instructor's Course and served as pistol and rifle requalification coach for Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division.

In June 2003, Sergeant Buffington was assigned to the House Liaison Office, Office of Legislative Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, as the administrative clerk, and was promoted to staff sergeant on February 12, 2006. In her current capacity, Staff Sergeant Buffington has faithfully served the 435 members of the 106th, 107th, 108th and 109th Congresses as a member of the Marine Corps' House of Representatives Liaison Office. Staff Sergeant Buffington has been responsible for directing and organizing many congressional and staff delegations around the world, as well as numerous congressional events on Capitol Hill. Her attention to detail in every event she participates has made a positive impact on the relationship between the Congress and the Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, few can match the dedication and Esprit de Corps that Claire Buffington has shown over her 7 years of service to Corps and country. I wish Claire and her husband Tony continued success in their future endeavors. Many thanks Staff Sergeant Buffington, our Nation has benefited from your outstanding leadership.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KELLY PURCELL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kelly Purcell, the former Director of Federal Government Affairs for the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues. She passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2006.

Kelly earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Social Behavior from the University of California, Irvine. In addition, she earned a Master's degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University, and another Master's in Political Management from George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. Kelly's academic achievements and experience were of great value as she advanced her career.

In October of 2003, Kelly became the Federal Legislative Affairs Manager for the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues. She was quickly promoted to serve as Acting Director of Federal Government Affairs in September of 2004, and became Director in February of 2005. In her position, she served California and Nevada credit unions by overseeing Congressional and regulatory advocacy programs.

Kelly attended the Credit Union National Association Government Affairs Conference in

February of this year. At the event, she met with legislators on Capitol Hill to update them on important issues including the effects of the Rallies for Credit Unions, the importance of local union movements, and the progress of the Credit Union Regulatory Improvements Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the unexpected loss of such a young and ambitious woman. Kelly's hard work brought passion and enthusiasm to the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues through her advocacy efforts in Nevada, California, Washington, D.C., and nationwide. She will be deeply missed.

CONGRATULATING MYCHAL BLACK

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mychal Black of Lewisville, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, she is recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of her community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least 100 hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Mychal Black on receiving this award and commend her dedication and desire to help her school, community and country.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT HARTWIG OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Hartwig, the Zephyrhills Fire Chief who recently retired following 32 years of service. Chief Hartwig began his career in 1974 as the first paid firefighter with the Zephyrhills Fire Department, and then rose through the ranks to become a driver engineer, captain, assistant chief and finally chief in 1983.

Chief Hartwig was instrumental in the construction of a second fire station. The new station included administrative offices and doubled the size of the department. He helped secure various grants to enhance the department's functionality and offset the city's budget. Chief Hartwig also entered into a joint venture between the city and Florida Hospital of Zephyrhills to initiate a Wellness/Fitness Program for all Zephyrhills fire rescue personnel.

Holding an A.A. degree from Hillsborough Community College, Chief Hartwig achieved

the difficult Smoke Diver's Certification. In his spare time, he has been involved with many clubs and organizations, including: President of the East Pasco Soccer Youth League, President of the Kiwanis Club, youth baseball coach, youth soccer coach, board member of the Chamber of Commerce, member of International Association of Fire Chiefs, member of Florida Fire Chiefs' Association, member of Pasco Hernando Fire Chiefs' Association, member of Florida Fire Marshals' Association and was an instructor at the Florida State Fire College.

Chief Hartwig will spend his retirement years pursuing his first love; home remodeling. Learning the construction trade by working side-by-side with his father, he eventually created his own home remodeling business, "The House Doctor." He also loves Alaska and has spent extensive time there commercial salmon fishing. Chief Hartwig has a grown son, Jeff, a grown daughter, Amy, and one grandchild.

The entire Zephyrhills community can be proud of the work that Chief Hartwig has accomplished during his thirty-two year tenure. A dedicated public servant, Robert Hartwig has earned his retirement many times over and should be congratulated for a job well done.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CLEVELAND POLICE DETECTIVE
JONATHAN SCHROEDER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Cleveland Police Detective Jonathan Schroeder, who bravely and selflessly heeded the call to duty and made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our community.

Family, friends and service to others enveloped Detective Schroeder's life. He drew personal strength and faith from those close to him, especially his wife, Amy, and infant son, Eric. His generous spirit and humble nature made him a role model for those around him. He would often help shovel neighbors' driveways and sidewalks, and when his premature son left Fairview Hospital in a healthy condition, he vowed to make an annual donation to the hospital.

Detective Schroeder's steadfast focus on hard work and serving the public were evidenced throughout his life. He grew up in Monroeville, Pennsylvania and was a 1992 graduate of Kent State University. Detective Schroeder finished the police academy in 1996 and heroically served the Cleveland Police Department for ten years, five of those years as a detective. His calm demeanor and sense of fairness reflected in his colleagues' deep admiration and respect for him, as a police officer and as a human being. Detective Schroeder had a reputation for handling victims, as well as suspects, with an equal amount of respect.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Detective Jonathan Schroeder. I extend my deepest condolences to his family members and many friends. The ultimate sacrifice, significant service and true heart that framed the life of Detective Schroeder will live forever in the

memories and hearts of all those who knew and loved him best. His legacy of service and courage will be honored and remembered by the Cleveland community, today and for all time.

HONORING LOUIS E. DAUGHERTY,
M.D. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Louis E. Daugherty on the occasion of his retirement from the position of Medical Examiner of Napa County.

Dr. Daugherty has had a long career of service to his community and country, exemplifying the highest ideals of the medical profession. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Dr. Daugherty earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona before completing his M.D. at Marquette University.

Dr. Daugherty served as a Battalion Surgeon in the United States Army in Vietnam, saving the lives of many young soldiers. His bravery during the Tet Offensive at the Siege of Saigon was rewarded with a Silver Star, one of our nation's highest military honors for distinguished gallantry. He was further recognized with the Combat Medic's Badge for his medical service alongside infantrymen under combat conditions in the Vietnamese Delta.

After his service in Vietnam, Dr. Daugherty returned to school to complete his residencies at one of our nation's finest medical schools, the University of California at San Francisco. Having finished his residencies, he took a series of positions in the greater Bay Area as a pathologist and medical consultant. He has worked for Napa County for the last 28 years as a Medical Examiner and Forensic pathologist.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his career with Napa County, Dr. Daugherty has assisted his wife Sheila's innovative treatment center to help teens with substance abuse problems. He has provided the medical services which allow the center to assist teens with the broad scope of issues they must confront in overcoming substance abuse.

Dr. Daugherty is known to his friends and family as a man of strong character and steely determination. A long-time marathon runner, he has also completed the Ironman and other triathlons. Dr. Daugherty and his wife have two children, Dr. Eugene Daugherty and Dr. Matthew Daugherty. They are also blessed with two grandchildren, Cecilia and Frances.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we extend thanks to Dr. Louis E. Daugherty for his long record of public service to the people of Napa County. His professional and personal integrity have greatly contributed to our community, and I wish him all of the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING LILLIE BEATRICE
KNIGHT IRVING

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize a Mississippian who has given a century of service to her family, friends and community. She and her husband, the Reverend Monroe J. Irving, reared ten children. She now has forty-two grandchildren, eighty-seven great-grandchildren, twenty-eight great-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-great-grandchild. Her family in quality and quantity has blessed southwest Mississippi.

Lillie Beatrice Knight Irving was born on September 11, 1906 in Adams County, Mississippi. She studied at Wickland Elementary School, Brumfield High School, and Alcorn State University. She then gave back to the education community serving as a teacher for forty-six years at the Tate Baptist Church Public School, the Wickland Elementary Public School, Central Elementary School and Liddell Elementary School.

She married Monroe Irving on January 17, 1933 and together they made a life of service to God and man. She served as the church clerk for thirty-three years and deaconess of Greater Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Her service can be seen in the many awards and honors she has received from her church and community. But the real fruit of her life can be seen in how she cares for her fellow Mississippians through prayer and work and faith.

Mr. Speaker, Lillie is thoughtful and careful to feed her mind, body and soul; keeping active and balancing a strong body and her strong faith. Her commitment to the Word of God and her saving Lord has given her purpose and her life's strength. She has a family with a wonderful reputation and she and they have been a blessing to her community, her friends and everyone she comes in contact with. I hope this Congress joins me in wishing her a very happy one-hundredth birthday and praying she has many years with the Mississippi she so loves and serves.

TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY S.
ABRAHAMSON

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a distinguished American, Shirley S. Abrahamson, who is being honored today at the Wisconsin State Capitol for her 50 years of membership in the bar, 30 years as a justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and 10 years as Chief Justice.

But Chief Justice Abrahamson is not being honored solely on the basis of time-served. Her colleagues, students, friends, and family, indeed all citizens of Wisconsin, are the beneficiaries of her work ethic, intellect, compassion, sense of humor, respect for justice and dedication to the law.

An elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, this daughter of immigrants grew up across the street from her family's grocery store in New York City. The only